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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,050.00 to cover a three-month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a); and
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

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